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Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: May 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

Judicial: Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991)

Legal Practice: Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)

Military Service: Captain, United States Army Reserve (1971-1980)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia; Albany County Bar Association

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Hugh Lawson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB
Began Service: December 29, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

Legal Practice: Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association

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Clay D. Land
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960
Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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C. Ashley Royal
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Augusta Judicial Circuit (1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Georgia 1952 LLB
Began Service: March 1, 1972
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Academic: Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1962-1965)

Legal Practice: Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Duross Fitzpatrick
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Georgia 1961 BS, 1966 LLB
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



Judicial: Judge, County Recorder's Court (1974-1979); President, State Bar of Georgia (1984-1985); Member, Georgia Chief Justices Commission of Professionalism (1992-1998); Member, Federal Judges Association, Board of Directors (1998-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Elliott & Davis (1966-1967); Private Practice (1967-1983); Senior Partner, Fitzpatrick & Mullis (1983-1986)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1954-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; Georgia Bar Foundation; Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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